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## GREENBRIER VALLEY

From Green County, Pennsylvania, to the Greenbrier Valley, West Virginia, is a long step across the northern part of West Virginia. But I did this between two Sundays, stopping off at home to attend a district conference at Colfax. I spent ten days in the Greenbrier Valley, preaching thirteen times and visited all the centers of Methodist Protestantism in the valley. I examined all the oldest records that could be found, and visited all of the older members of the church who had any knowledge of "former times." I thoroughly investigated conditions, causes and possibilities. But as it is the official prerogative of the President to report such things, I forbear. However, I may be permitted to state as an historical discovery, that the Methodist Protestant Church is not as strong nor as popular in this valley today as it was seventy years ago. And if I should express an opinion, I would say, that, if the day of our opportunity has not already passed, it is time for us to do something or leave the field to others who can take better care of it than we have been doing.

There are no records to show when the Methodist Protestant Church first began to operate in this valley, or who was the first minister to preach here. But in 1842 there was a well organized circuit with well attended quarterly conferences and a well paid pastor. The Bethel church at Buckeye was one of the earliest organizations. When the Methodist Protestant minister first came into this community he was refused an opportunity to preach where the M. E. minister had been holding services, and John Buckley, not a church member, invited him to preach at his home. The invitation was accepted and a house full of people came to hear the "New Methodist" preach. The people were so well pleased that a number of unconverted men got together and built a log church for the new minister. John Buckley gave the lot and James Rogers split the boards for the roofing. A fine revival was held and many of the men who had built the church were converted. During this meeting seventeen young people left a prayer meeting at the M. E. Church and attended the revival for which they were dismissed from the M. E. Church, and when the M. P. minister opened the door of his church for members, these seventeen and eighteen others from that church (35 in all) joined the new M. P. class, together with a large number of converts. In 1853 the Bethel church had more than 100 members, and among them many of the most prominent and influential citizens of the county. The Buckley, McNeill, Rogers, Overholt and McKeever families are still represented in this church. Bethel church has provided the conference with two ministers, Revs. A. L. McKeever and Moore McNeil, and three ministers wives, Mrs. D. S. Hogge, Mrs. M. Everly and Mrs. B. M. Mitchell; and if I may judge from the young ladies whom I met, (many of them high school, college and university students) I should think a few more ministers wives might be secured over there.

Dr. George Brown, Dr. Peter T. Laishley, Dr. George Nestor, Daniel R. Helmick, W. B. Bolton, George Westfall, Dennis B. Dorsey, Jacob B. McCormick and a large number of lesser lights have preached in Old Bethel church. The old people of the community still tell of the great occasions when the President of the conference would visit the circuit and preach at Bethel, and refer to the sermons preached by Dr. John Poynter fifty years ago (1875); but their attitude toward present conditions reminds you of the ancient men of Israel who had returned from the captivity, when they saw the second temple in building. Hagal 2: 3. But a \$2,000 minister at a salary of \$200, is one of the unattainable things in modern ecclesiasticism.

Droop Mountain Church was organized by Dr. George Brown in 1842 while making a presidential visit to the circuit. Rev. Richard H. Walker was the pastor and had been preaching in a private house that stood near where the Droop church now stands. David Cochran and wife, Martha McKeever, Solomon Cochran and wife, Elizabeth Hoover and John McLaughlin were charter members. The present meeting house was built in 1858 under the pastoral supervision of Rev. W. W. Blake. The lumber was all planned by hand. A gallery extends across the rear of the building and the pulpit is "built in" across the platform. In 1845 George Nestor was pastor in this valley and lived in the vicinity of Droop Church. He says, "We had two rooms in the home of Elizabeth Morrison. This house had been one of the preaching places of bishop Asbury and Bishop Soule." Methodistism in this valley is as old as anywhere in America. And seventy years ago the Methodist Protestant Church was in the lead.

The Fairview church is the successor of the old Verdant Valley class, where services were held for many years in an old log school house. Rev. H. A. J. Francis, by request, was buried near where the old school house stood. The grave is unmarked except by a dogwood bush which is growing in the middle of the grave. The Fairview church was built in 1882 by Revs. George W. Barrett and M. L. Smith, pastors. H. H. Sharp and wife, Ewing Sharp and wife, W. E. Johnson and wife, Jacob Sharp and wife, W. H. Irvine and wife, William Harper and wife, J. A. Sharp and Montgomery Friel and

wife were early members. The Clawson Church was organized by Rev. Howard Underwood in 1907, and the building erected by Rev. D. T. Tharp in 1909. It was named in honor of Rev. Samuel Clawson. May Chapel on Anthony's Creek, was organized by Rev. John Perry in 1908 and the building erected by him in 1909. Other preaching places were Mingo Flats, Cheat Mt., Back Allegheny, Elk, Cummins Creek, Huntersville and Beaver Creek; the latter an old appointment, but still worshipping in the old school house. This is about the extent of our possessions in Pocahontas county.

The old quarterly conference records contain the names of Joshua Buckley, David and Solomon Cochran, Jesse Barrett, Abel Adkins, James Rogers, William Morrison, H. B. Kinnison, Henry Perry, J. Gabbard, Jesse McNeill, Clark McNeill, William Parkins, James B. Moore, John Bradshaw, David Gibson, D. D. Hughes, J. G. McNeill, J. R. McCorkle, Samuel Gay, William Johnson, J. M. Hogsett, Isaac Collins, James Bradshaw and Abraham Grimes. And from a history of Pocahontas county, I learned that these men were among the leading citizens of the county. In fact the county government was organized, and the first court held at the home of John Bradshaw in Huntersville, he being one of the members of the court. Thus it will be seen that, in these early days, the Methodist Protestant Church had a strong hold upon the best people of the great valley. And there are "A few names yet in Paradise" that have "kept the faith and are worthy." These people were thrifty, intelligent, religious, liberty loving Scotch Irish folk whose ancestors had taken possession of this valley when it was a favorite hunting ground for the Indians. The high esteem in which the early ministers were held by them is evidenced by the following names: George Brown Cochran (aged 84), Sabina Laishley Buckley (Boggs) Alfred Lister McKeever, George Nestor Coulter, Asa Shinn McNeill, etc.

I. A. Barnes, in the Methodist Protestant.

Charleston, W. Va.—A statement dealing with expenditures on the main through highways of the State designed in part to correct false impressions, has been issued for publication, by the State Road Commission.

It is shown by the statement, that up until June 30 the end of the fiscal year, the Commission had expended or authorized for expenditure on the four main trunk lines a total of \$16,052,116.77. This is divided as follows:

Route 1, (Northwestern Turnpike) \$4,723,613.09.  
Route 2, (North and South)—\$3,844,528.19.  
Route 3, (Midland Trail) \$4,161,409.33.  
Route 4, (North and South) \$3,322,566.06.

These expenditures or authorized expenditures were made out of the proceeds of State Bonds and Federal aid available prior to the last sale of bonds. A considerable part of the proceeds of this last sale is also to be placed under contract for work on the main routes. While the State Road Law makes it impossible to concentrate funds in any part of the State or on any particular route, it has been the consistent policy of the Commission to expend as much as practicable on the through highways. The greater part of the reserve fund, as well as large sums from the apportionments of counties through which these routes pass, has been used in an effort to rush them to completion at the earliest possible date. It is explained that, between Parkersburg and Charleston, because of construction by counties which made early completion possible, there is a digression from route 2 and 14, while between Nutter Farm and Ellenboro, there is a digression from No. 1 over No. 31 and No. 16 to reach Harrisville, county seat of Ritchie county.

## Notice to Contractors

Sealed proposals will be received by the State Road Commission of West Virginia at its office in Charleston, West Virginia, until ten o'clock a. m., on the 12th day of August, 1925, and said proposals will be opened and read immediately thereafter at the Kanawha County Court House, Charleston, W. Va., for the construction of the following sections of State Road:

Project 149-A—Pocahontas County—6 miles Top of Elk Mountain toward Randolph County, for grading and draining. Certified check \$5400.00

Proposals will be received only upon State Standard forms in accordance with plans, specifications and estimates of quantities thereof, which standard forms, plans, specifications and estimates of quantities may be obtained from the office of H. B. Anderson, Division Engineer, Charleston, W. Va., or from the office of the State Road Commission at Charleston, W. Va.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check for the amount noted.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

STATE ROAD COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA.  
E. B. CARSKADON, Secretary.

## No Trespassing

All persons are hereby given notice not to trespass on the lands of the undersigned in any way; especially by hunting, camping, trapping and picking berries.

Paul Sharp  
Harter, W. Va.

## FORGES UNITE TO FIGHT FAKE CURES

A dispatch has reached the State Department of Health asking West Virginia to join in the nation-wide fight against "quack" advertising and patent medicines. Thousands of people are fooled each year by deceptive advertising of fake cures and medicines, and the National Health Council, together with the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World met in a special conference May 5, to adopt resolutions against this practice.

Tuberculosis, syphilis, gonorrhea and cancer are four diseases which are most dangerous to the lives of the American people today. Advertising of so-called cures for these grave diseases is a great menace to the individual as well as to the community health, it was pointed out at the conference.

Patent medicines do not relieve or cure the illness for which they are offered. In most instances they are comparatively harmless, containing only a simple mixture of herbs and roots, but their greatest danger lies in the fact that they keep the person afflicted from receiving the proper treatment from a competent, skilled physician.

General diseases cannot be cured in a few weeks. Treatment must be given in the first stages of the disease and must be continued for years by a doctor who knows his business, if a cure is to be effected. Many of the terrible cases of insanity, paralysis and idiocy, resulting from syphilis, could have been prevented had fake advertising been abolished years ago.

A reader who has been deceived once by fraudulent advertising soon loses complete confidence in all forms of advertising and this becomes a decided economic waste.

This recent conference of health, social and business groups, has urged West Virginia to join in stamping out the methods of "quack" advertising is employing to deceive unsuspecting people.

## Sayings of Sanitary Sam

"Life is not to live, but to be well."  
Swat the fly. Your child's life as well as your own may depend on it.  
Stamp out Typhoid. It kills One out of every Ten persons who have it.

An open mind and an open bowel are health factors.

Lecost, W. Va.  
July 24, 1925.

Editor Times:  
In your issue of July 23rd you made a slight error which I beg leave to correct, this has reference to an item in "Spice Run" notes as follows: "A. K. Anderson caught a ten pound Pike from the Greenbrier. He is quite a fisherman. He prefers to fish at night." Now while I don't deny that I am quite a fisherman, yet like all good fishermen I am truthful (?) especially this season. Last summer I caught so many big ones (which got away) that I decided I had better tell the boys about the ones I brought in this season, and not the ones that got away. If ever I wanted any one to believe me on oath from this section.

The item referred to is grossly in error, not only have I not caught a ten pound pike, but not even one minnow of this fish species has been landed by me this summer, and that is not the worst part, since I have been trying to be so truthful about the big strikes, and hooked ones, I have not caught enough to cover the business side of a frying pan. Now had I known our good correspondent intended to play Izak Walton for me, I would have given him some pointers and made a good news item for him and added that the ten pounder was taken on a five ounce fly rod, with a piece of red silk sewing thread and a minnow hook. And I would at least have had an opportunity to look up an alibi and been able to direct a few of the fishermen who have been drawn to this location by this fishy item, to the exact spot where after hours of exertion I was finally successful in landing the prize of this years catch with a five ounce fly rod, a piece of red silk thread and a minnow hook. (The thread would have to be red, especially in this instance). Now I suppose I will have to live with our station sign reading "S'all a mistake, I didn't catch that fish," to keep from being swamped with visitors wanting the location of my fishing grounds.

I appreciate the boost Doc, but some time when I feel more in humor and not quite so dry I'll tell you about the fifteen pounder over on Clear Creek that I landed with a nine ounce rod and a fly, almost.

Sincerely yours,  
A. K. Anderson.

## AIRDALES

Puppies from the famous strain of Swiveller and Orang. Offspring of 11 champions. If you want an all round dog and a true farm dog, get 'em. They are going fast. This is the nicest bunch of puppies I have ever raised. Big boned and perfectly marked. \$10. Shipped on five days approval. I can please the most particular buyer from these. Males only.

W. O. Ruckman,  
Millpoint, W. Va.

## WEST VIRGINIA NOW TO RECORD BIRTHS

West Virginia has been admitted to the registration area for births and deaths. The seal has been reached after years of hard work. It means that this state will now be recognized by the United States government, so far as the collection of birth and death reports is concerned. For years the national government has been printing the statistics of those states which were collecting as high as 90 percent of those records. If any one wanted information concerning the number of births and deaths occurring in West Virginia, there was no government records which they could consult. From now on this situation will change. For West Virginia's records will be placed among those of other states of the Union.

The importance of birth and death records is not realized at first, but for years those in whose hands the affairs of the government have rested, have realized that if such records were not obtained, the growth and development of the nation, as far as health is concerned, could not be ascertained or its future predicted.

Under Dr. Carl F. Raver, state registrar, the division of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health, has helped West Virginia to attain her present position. Dr. Raver urges all local registrars to be more exact and prompt than ever before, in order to maintain this high standard which has just been reached.

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## Seventh Annual Exhibition Pocahontas County Fair

MARLINTON, W. VA.  
August 17, 18, 19, 20, 21  
inclusive, beginning Monday, August 17 at 4 p. m.

## Exhibit Prospects

By the interest shown, the exhibits will be more extensive than ever. Our folks realize the wonderful opportunity exhibiting gives them of bringing their high grade products to the attention of prospective buyers. The Extension Division has promised a more extensive exhibit, showing actual grades of livestock, wool, eggs, etc. Also moving picture films.

## Entertainment Features

BAND—Higgins American Concert Band, musicians and soloists. Lots of singing, with music we all like.

MID-WAY—The best we could get, with plenty of riding devices for the kiddies and grown ups too.

FIRE WORKS—Different every night.

FREE ACTS—Comedy troupe of dogs do acrobatic stunts. Announce it own.

FREE CAMPING and BATHING—No charge for tent space. Just the usual ticket for party.

RACING PROGRAM—Prospects for faster horses.

HOME COMING WEEK—The greatest pleasure of all—meeting your old friends.

## A week of Instruction and Pleasure

See old friends, and make new ones. Come!

S. B. WALLACE, President  
D. M. CALLISON, V. Pres. Z. S. SMITH, Sec.-Treas.

## Notice to Contractors

The Board of Education of Huntersville District will receive sealed bids up to August 10, 1925 at 10 o'clock a. m., for the transportation of school children as follows:

Browns Creek children to Huntersville.

The Alderman children on Marlinton road to Huntersville.

The Thorny Creek children to the Bethel school.

Bidders are asked to submit bids embracing the Browns Creek and Alderman children in addition to separate bids for each.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board,  
E. Ernest White, Sec.

## GREENBANK

We are having fine weather for making hay, and cutting oats. Hay is half crop, oats and corn fine so far.

Rev. L. S. Shires preached a fine sermon last Sunday at the Methodist church. The Sunday School is growing 112 present last Sunday.

Grady Arbogast and wife, of Elkins, was calling on his home folks last Sunday.

Edward Sutton, of Winding Gulf, is the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sutton.

Reports say that the big mill at Cass and the Spruce Lbr. Co., have closed down for the present. Hard times is coming.

Mrs. Myrtle Ashford, of Philadelphia, formerly of Durbin, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashford last Friday.

A. G. Killingsworth, of Marlinton got the contract of building the graded school building at this place. We understand work will commence the 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Curry made a flying trip to Millpoint last week end.

Mrs. Henry Overholt and son Guy of Marlinton and Mrs. G. M. Ervin, of Huntersville went to Elkins last week and stopped here a few hours on account of an automobile trouble.

Whereas, The Great and Supreme Dictator of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom taken from among us Brother David W. Sharp one of our worthy and much esteemed Brothers and

Whereas, The intimate relations held with him in this lodge makes it highly befitting that we the members of Marlinton Lodge No. 915 Loyal Order of Moose record our appreciations of him. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the removal of such a noble a life from among us leaves a vacancy that will be deeply felt by all the members of this lodge, and will prove a serious loss to the community as well as the public.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved family of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss from our defending circle may be over ruled for good by him who knoweth best.

Resolved that a copy of these Resolutions be placed upon the records of this lodge, a copy printed in the county paper, and a copy mailed to the bereaved family.

J. R. Biggs  
C. S. Wiley  
W. D. Stiger  
Committee

Charleston—A new state route has been designated by the State Road Commission to extend from Petersburg, Ritchie county, north to Joseph Mills, Tyler county, approximately twelve miles. This road connects the northwestern turnpikes with trunk line No. 2, through line No. 18. A delegation of Ritchie county residents recently appeared before the commission to request designation of such a route.

Welch—The fact that a 14-year-old girl has become the wife of the principal of the Premier school, J. L. Hunter, will not relieve her from the necessity of obeying the school laws. She will be forced to attend school, with her husband as teacher. The girl, who was attending the Premier school and was recently married. The love felt that as a wife her school days were over, but W. T. Farley, probation officer, had a different conception of the matter.

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Apparently this is not, as some say, the era of the young man. We are led for the most part by elder statesmen, elder corporation presidents, elder professors. There is comfort in that, too, for those of us who are not infant prodigies can cherish the hope that there is plenty of time ahead in which to make good.

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